



The City News

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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

We all know that we need to watch out for walkers as we are driving through the city. This is ever so more important now that school children will once again be walking to and from school or to and from their school buses. Although the private school system usually enters the city to load and unload students, many public school buses do not. This reality brings about a danger to our young residents so I am asking for your assistance in keeping a watchful eye for students traversing streets, walking on the perimeter of the roadways, and entering residential areas. Drive safely and slowly during peak school traffic times and if you see any activity that is deemed a danger to our children, please contact the Atlantis Police right away. Lets keep our children safe.

As you know, last year we held our first Bike-a-thon. We raised \$4500 and it was all donated to the American Heart Association in an effort to fight heart disease. I even took a few dips in a dunk tank that I believe had to be rigged to fall even if you were to breathe on it. Regardless, we had a spectacular turn out, it was a lot of fun, and we are looking forward to your participation in this year's event. We have all been touched by this dreaded disease, in one way or another, so get out and support this worthy cause. More details are available in this newsletter.

Flu shots will be available once again at City Hall this year. This is the third year that the City is actively involved in providing this service to its residents. Details associated with this event are also in the newsletter.

Taxes taxes taxes. As I described last month, the ad valorem tax decreases have really hit us hard. In July we set the initial millage rate, as required by law, yet we are still working aggressively to develop opportunities to establish a budget that we can endure without sacrificing the level of service that we are accustomed to. Although I do not have any further information on this subject, I wanted to let you know that we are hard at work to protect your best interests. Next month we should have a better feel as to where we will end up.

Last, I would like to thank all of the residents that have been attending our council meetings. It is truly nice to see many new faces. Hopefully, attendance will continue to improve so that you can discover the true attention that is exercised in making Atlantis the best place to live.

I hope to see you at our next meeting. Until then...

Serving Proudly,

Mayor Manny Fernandez

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SAVE THE DATE!

**APRIL 4, 2009
ATLANTIS 50TH
CELEBRATION**

**IMPORTANT
NEWS ON
FLOODS &
HURRICANE
PREPAREDNESS
INSIDE.**





HEALTH FAIR AND FLU SHOTS

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE CITY WILL AGAIN BE ADMINISTERING FLU SHOTS AND PRESENTING A HEALTH FAIR.

THE DATE IS **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2008** IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BEGINNING AT 9 AM.

LAST YEAR 207 FLU SHOTS AND 16 PNEUMONIA SHOTS WERE DISTRIBUTED. MANY RESIDENTS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE FREE CHOLESTEROL AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS AS WELL AS THE ABUNDANCE OF FREE HEALTH INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

THE BLOOD MOBILE WILL BE HERE TO ACCEPT YOUR GENEROUS LIFE SAVING DONATIONS

ANYONE WISHING TO RECEIVE EITHER OF THE VACCINES MUST PRESENT VALID PHOTO ID.

MEDICARE PATIENTS MUST PRESENT THEIR MEDICARE ID CARD IN ADDITION TO PHOTO ID.

A PLUS WILL BILL MEDICARE, SO THE SHOTS ARE FREE TO MEDICARE PATIENTS. A PLUS IS **UNABLE** TO BILL ANY OTHER TYPE OF INSURANCE OTHER THAN MEDICARE. FLU SHOTS WILL BE \$25 **CASH** ; PNEUMOCOCCAL \$40 **CASH** FOR NON-MEDICARE MEMBERS.

LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER.

LET US VOTE!

Let Us Vote was formed in early 2007 to bring Home Rule to Palm Beach cities. Home Rule is the idea that local voters should make decisions for their local communities rather than have rules and regulations imposed in a one-size-fits-all manner by voters countywide. Thousands of citizens signed petitions and the Board of County Commissioners placed the issue on this November's ballot.

The change is pretty simple. Before going into effect within a city, County Charter Amendments would have to be approved by voters countywide **and** by voters within the municipality. If a Charter change was approved by county voters as a whole and city voters rejected the idea, the new rule would not apply within those cities whose citizens rejected it. Essentially, Home Rule gives each city's voters the right to "opt out" of countywide rules they do not feel are in the best interest of their local communities.

This Home Rule change would affect issues that might be the subject of a future Charter change. For instance, parking restrictions and noise regulations should always be local decisions. Aesthetic choices like acceptable building heights and whether to allow Big Box stores differ from city to city. Local voters should make those decisions.

Home Rule will ensure that an individual city's residents, not voters countywide, set the standards in that community. It is an additional voting right that is already enjoyed by city voters in other areas of the state. Palm Beach city voters should be granted Home Rule voting rights as well.

This takes nothing away from residents of unincorporated sections of the county. Everything stays the same for them – the only change is that residents of our cities, towns and villages will have a greater say in what they want within their communities.

I encourage you to learn more about Home Rule and why it matters to you. You can start by visiting www.letusvote.info and then speak with your City Hall staff or elected officials and learn more about what it would mean to your municipality. Finally, in November make sure you get out and vote.

ATLANTIS CITY COUNCIL NEWS: The Local Planning Agency met on July 16, 2008 at 7:15PM. After a public hearing, Ordinance 407 was approved 5-0 and will be passed onto council. Required by law, this Ordinance is part of our 10 year work plan and creates an entirely new Water Supply Facilities Plan with new analysis as well as goals, objectives, and policies providing for transmitting to the State Land Planning Agency.

The City Council meeting began immediately after.

Ordinance No. 407 as mentioned above, passed 5-0.

Resolution No. 08-12—Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with A Plus Home Health Care, Inc. for Flu Shots on October 3, 2008, passed 5-0. This event was well attended last year.

Resolution No. 08-13 passed 4-1 in support of proposed legislation entitled the "Nicole Hornstein Act" requiring minors to wear a helmet when riding horses

on public roadways. This legislation does not apply to Atlantis, but is intended to show support for the Village of Wellington where the accident occurred.

Resolution No. 08-14 - A resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement for a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant. The \$33,900 grant would be for the construction of the Heart Trail at the Park near the Military Trail Entrance.

In miscellaneous business, the preliminary millage rate was set at 6.3711, and the date for the First Budget Hearing was set for Tuesday, Sept 9, 2008 at 5:01PM by a vote of 5-0.

Atlantis was presented with a "Recycle Award" by the Solid Waste Authority for the superb job we do with recycling. We are known as a very caring municipality. Keep up the good job!

William Mitchell

(Official Minutes at www.atlantisfl.gov)

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS BY CHIEF ROBERT MANGOLD

Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles (DHSMV): Provides an emergency contact service. This service will allow you to provide emergency contact information to law enforcement in the event of an emergency. This information may save crucial time if ever it becomes necessary to contact family members, or other loved ones. This service is only available to individuals holding a current Florida Driver License or Florida Identification Card. Please go to the following website to access this program: <https://www6.hsmv.state.fl.us/dlcheck/findcustomer>.

Project Lifesaver: Is an international program that forms partnerships with local law enforcement and public safety organizations. Project Lifesaver deploys specially trained teams with the most reliable technology available to quickly locate and return wandering adults and children to their families and caregivers. Project Lifesaver relies on proven radio technology and a specially trained search and rescue team. Clients that are enrolled in the Project Lifesaver program wear a personalized wristband that emits a tracking signal. When caregivers notify the local Project Lifesaver agency (Palm Beach Sheriff's Office) that a person is missing, a search and rescue team responds to

the wanderer's area and starts searching with the mobile locator tracking system. Search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes. In over 1500 searches, there have been no reported serious injuries or deaths. Recovery times average less than 30 minutes. For further information please go to the following website: <http://www.projectlifesaver.org/site/>.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT JULY 2008

Total Enforcement:	214	Total Parking:	5
Citations:	200	Citations:	5
Written Warnings:	9	Written Warning:	0

CRIME STATISTICS JUNE 2008

<u>Major</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Battery	1	
Burglary (Structure & Vehicle)	2	1
Theft (Grand & Petit)	1	2

HEART WALK INFORMATION

The City of Atlantis will once again be teaming up with Columbia /JFK Hospital for a Heart Walk. This is scheduled to take place on **Saturday, September 27, 2008** in West Palm Beach, along Flagler Drive. The money raised helps fight heart disease by supporting life-saving research and education. For more information or to sign up, Call Mo Thornton @ (561) 965-1744 or Richard Brown at (561) 642-0939 if you would like to help out.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR & JOIN OUR TEAM:

DATE: Saturday, September 27th

DISTANCE: 5K, 3.2 MILES

LOCATION: MEYER AMPHITHEATRE, WEST PALM BEACH

SCHEDULE: 7:00am - Fun Begins 9am - Walk Begins

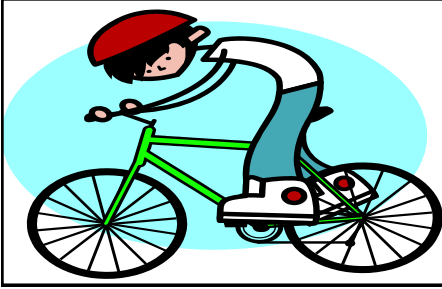
TEAM CAPTAIN: RICHARD BROWN 561-642-0939

Come out and support Columbia/JFK Medical Center, the largest heart hospital in Palm Beach Country that is right at our back door.

Last Year's Heart Walkers and Contributors: Manny Fernandez and Family, Fred Furtado, Dave & Kay Cantley, Taylor Fulner, Mike & Susan Dahlgren, Frank & Janet Austino, Richard & Joan Brown, Barbara Whitford, Craig Mitchell, Audrey & Ed Halpern, Wayne Levine, Phillip DeVillier, Gunter & Nualagh Strugger, Donald & Arlene Brooks, Ken & Kris VonThaden, Robin Brown, Tim & Catherine Higgins, Kevin Adair, Clayton & Vickie Rautbord, Bill and Tracy Boyd, Barbara Milensky, Linda Clayton, Maggie & Christina Sarubbi, Taylor Trindade, Weegie Armstrong, Joyce & Jessica O'Neil, Ken Norberg, Joanne Cameron, Henry & Lucy Ullman, Albert Chattin, Robert Mangold & Family, Eberly Family, Mo Thornton & Family and Joan Cannata-Fox.

About the American Heart Association: Every man, woman, and child is at risk of heart disease and stroke, the nation's #1 and #3 killers. The American Heart Association is working to prevent, treat, and defeat these devastating diseases by funding research, increasing people's knowledge and power over their health, and advocating for healthier communities. These efforts are making a difference for present and future generations ... and saving lives.

Everyone has a family member or friend who has suffered from heart disease. Let's all walk together to support this worthwhile cause and save lives. The life you save may be your own.



ATLANTIS SECOND ANNUAL BIKE-A-THON
SEPTEMBER 6, 2008
8:00 AM—REGISTRATION AT ATLANTIS
COUNTRY CLUB
9:00 AM—BIKE-A-THON BEGINS
ENDS AT KINTZ PARK

September 6, 2008, the City will be sponsoring the 2nd annual bike-a-thon that will take place right here in Atlantis! Proceeds from this event will benefit the Heart Association. Join us on your bikes, roller blades or walk through Atlantis with our new extended route (there will even be a shorter route for the little ones!) For a \$20 family donation or a \$5 individual donation, you can help fight heart disease while joining your neighbors and friends for a fun walk (or ride) that will end with lunch and water fun for the kids.

Some of the fun we have in store for our younger residents includes a bounce house, a rock wall, and face painting. Quite a bargain for \$20!

DUNK TANK—BRING YOUR CASH— Our Mayor has again volunteered to take a turn in the dunk tank to raise money for our cause. A special visit from the Code Enforcement Officer is also planned.

VOLUNTEERS—We need help the day of the event. Here are ways you can help:

Sponsor a Water Station in your driveway

Work with us at the pre-event staging area serving coffee and juice, or after the event with lunch and activities

For teens needing community service credit, this event will qualify

Call Mo Thornton at 965-1744, Richard Brown at 642-0939, Diana Fernandez at 963-8484 or stop by city hall to pre-register or if you would like to help out. Please make checks payable to the City of Atlantis

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Register early and save time the day of the event. Pre-register by August 29th and be entered in a drawing for a special prize!

DROP OFF REGISTRATION AT CITY HALL

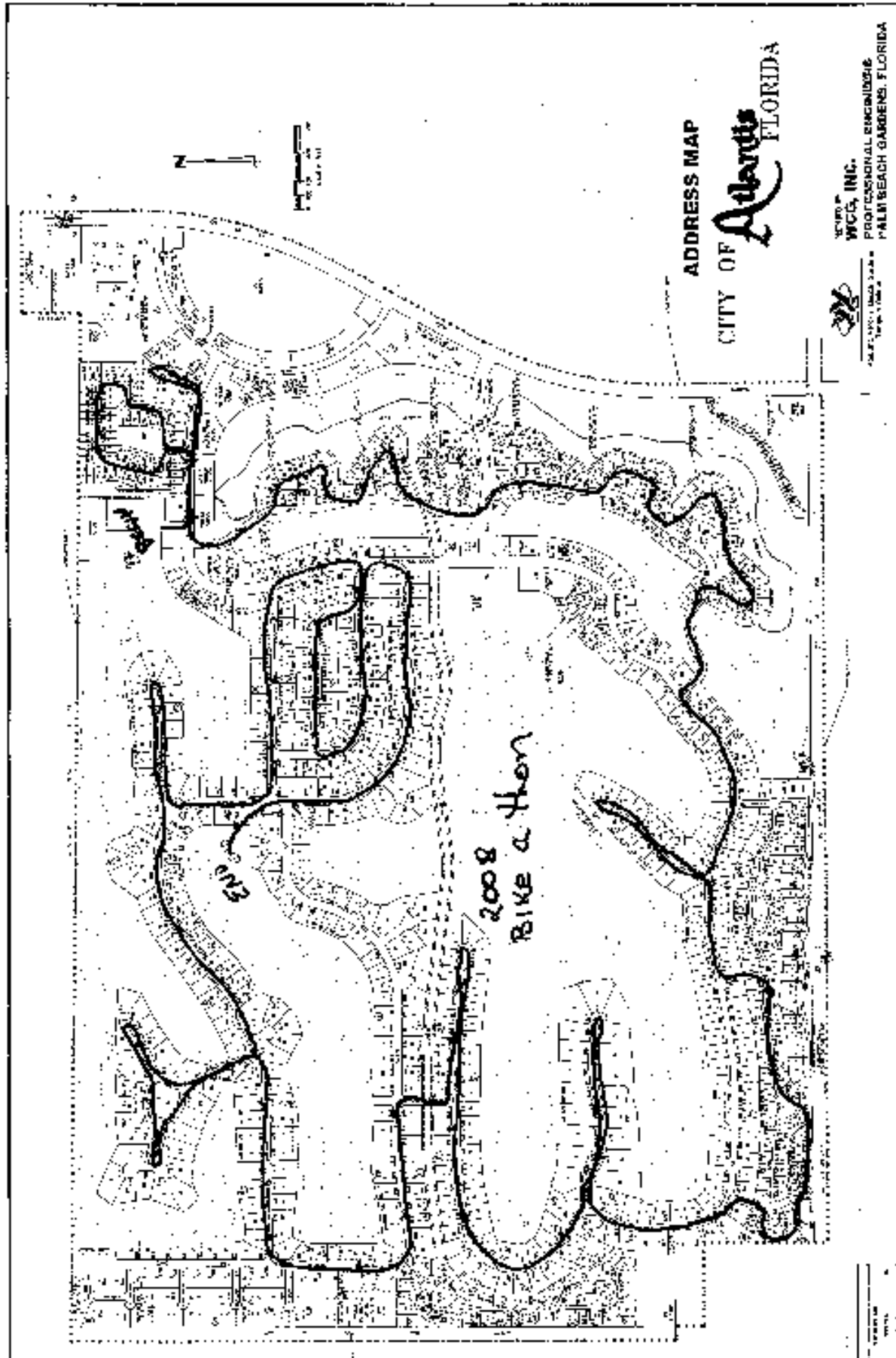
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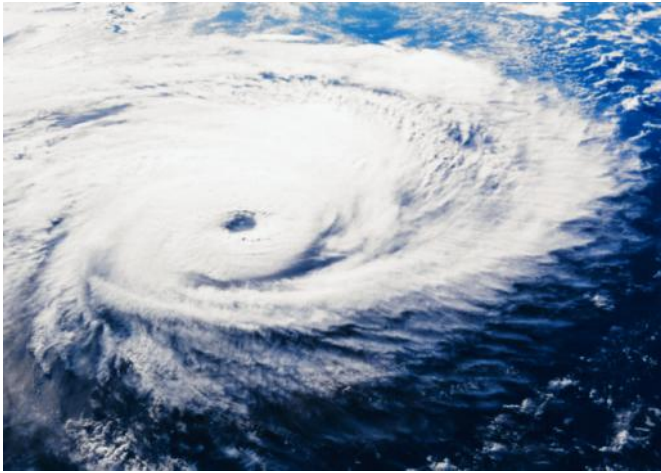
Address: _____

Number of Participants: _____

T-SHIRT \$10 EACH - # Shirts _____ **SIZE :** Child ____ M ____ L

Adult shirt: ____ **SM** ____ **M** ____ **L** **Amount Enclosed:** _____





Hurricane Preparedness

Now that the hurricane season has begun, it is important to be as prepared as possible. Here are some helpful tips:

Put important documents and phone numbers in a waterproof container.

All trees and shrubs should be trimmed by now – do not do any trimming before a hurricane is about to come.

Monitor the tropics: tune into local television and radio stations; heed the advice of local authorities; evacuate if ordered. **Do not** return until it is safe to do so.

Remove lawn furniture, pots, plants or any other outside items that could be potential projectiles.

If a storm watch has been issued, do not place yard waste, recycling, or garbage at the curb. Please be patient until normal collection resumes.

You can get helpful information regarding power outages, etc. by going online at FPL.com. To report a hazardous condition or power outage, please call 1-800-4OUTAGE (1-800-468-8243).

If you haven't already prepared a hurricane emergency supply kit, do so now. Remember to include such items as:

- Three gallons of water per person
- Canned & ready-to-eat food, fruits, crackers, etc. and other foods that do not require cooking
- Manual can opener
- First aid kit, prescription and non-prescription drugs
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils; foil, plastic wrap & plastic garbage bags
- Personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste and toothbrush, toilet paper, etc.
- Liquid bleach to treat drinking water
- Cash – ATM's may not be operating after a storm



FLOOD HAZARD & PREPARATION INFORMATION

THE LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD

Every property is at risk of flooding. In fact, there is a 26% chance of experiencing a flood during the life of a 30-year mortgage. Many factors contribute to flooding in areas not designated as Special Flood Hazard Areas. The greatest flood threats come from excessive rainfall that accompanies coastal storms, tropical storms and hurricanes. Finished Construction Elevation Certificates are on file.

The Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) provides flood zone determinations to advise if you are in a flood hazard area. Property within the City of Atlantis is located in several different flood zones. Most properties east of Villa Drive (North and South including Villa Drive) and along Atlantis Blvd. are located in the special flood hazard due to Lake Atlantis and Lake Atlantis South. Properties in Palm Circle adjacent to the C-15 lagoon are in the special flood hazard area. All properties west of Villa Drive are not in a special flood hazard area. You may contact City Hall to find out what flood zone your property is located in.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Homeowner's insurance policies DO NOT cover losses due to flooding. There is a 30-day waiting period. Please note that new flood insurance policies will not be written once a storm is approaching. The City of Atlantis participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which makes flood insurance available to everyone in the City. For most, a home and its contents are their greatest investment. If your property is even subject to the possibility of flood damage, from hurricanes or otherwise, you should be protected with an NFIP Flood Policy. Contact your insurance agent and have him or her discuss the types of coverage available to you. For additional information about flood insurance, visit FEMA's website at: www.fema.gov/business/nfip/

FLOOD SAFETY

There is no substitute for advance planning and preparation. Be aware of what steps to take to minimize your losses due to flooding. Prepare and annually update an inventory of all personal property with descriptions and photos, store drinking water in clean containers, keep a portable radio and flashlights on hand with fresh batteries, and have adequate first-aid supplies on hand. The local television and radio stations will warn you when it is necessary to secure your property and evacuate. Live electrical lines cause most hazards. If it appears that floodwaters will enter your home, turn off all electric and gas service. If you find that water has entered your home, do not touch electrical switches or appliances to either turn them on or off. Outside, avoid any pools of water in which a downed power line is laying. You must assume that all downed power lines are energized. Do not drive through a flooded area.

To create a personalized disaster preparedness plan for your family and/or business, please visit the State of Florida Disaster preparedness website at: www.floridadisaster.org/

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS:

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requires that, if the cost of the reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building's market value, the entire building must meet the same construction requirements of a new building.

FLOOD HAZARD & PREPARATION INFORMATION (Continued):**PERMITS**

The City of Atlantis Building Department requires permits for all construction. This includes new construction, repair/replacement work, additions, signs, fences, fill, tree removal, etc. The City of Atlantis has adopted the Southern Standard Building Code. Parts of this code regulate the amounts and types of construction in the floodplain. You must always consult with the building official when planning any kind of construction. When others violate our floodplain laws, it could affect your property. The building official should be made aware of such activities.

THE FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

The City has a reverse 911 telephone dialing system that will notify of pending storms. In addition, copies of Palm Beach County's Flood Warning Program are available at your nearest county library. Palm Beach County Emergency Management maintains direct contact with the National Weather Service. Local television and radio stations will broadcast hurricane associated flood warnings 36 to 48 hours prior to the flooding event. When the National Weather Service forecast intense rainfall, our drainage system can be lowered in an attempt to receive the extraordinary volume of water expected. During periods of prolonged rainfall, areas of the county are kept under surveillance and reported to the Emergency Operating Center. When advised of problem areas, response actions will be taken. When you detect street flooding in your own area, tune to a television or radio station known by you to have an active news bureau. You will be advised of measures you should take to protect your property and yourself. If you have a weather band radio, tune it to NOAA, weather radio frequency 162.475 MHz to receive local weather updates.

PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES

When it appears that your neighborhood is becoming seriously inundated, there are simple things you can do to protect your property: things such as sandbagging building entrances and moving your motor vehicles to higher ground; raise furniture off the floor or move it to upper floors. Many of the things you own are not only valuable but are considered by you to be irreplaceable. These items should be elevated above the floor level to protect them from flood damage. Store materials like tarps, sandbags, plastic sheeting, plywood, and lumber to protect structures, and to make quick repairs after a severe storm. Board up or shutter windows and doors. FEMA resources can now be accessed online at www.pbclibrary.org/grsmainresources.htm

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

The Lake Worth Drainage District maintains the lateral canals in Atlantis. The Public Works Department maintains the remaining swales and storm drains. To reduce the risk, severity or duration of Flooding; it is vital to maintain the water-carrying capacity of the drainage system. Florida law prohibits the willful obstruction of our drainage systems and provides both civil and criminal penalties for anyone convicted of such a felony. Anytime you see debris partially or completely blocking a storm drain opening please remove and dispose of the debris or call at the City at 561-965-1744. It is illegal to dump or throw anything into the ditches and canals. If you see anyone disposing of anything, including liquids, trash, vegetation or any other debris into any component of the drainage system please report it immediately to the Atlantis Police Department at 561-965-1700.

FLOOD HAZARD & PREPARATION INFORMATION (Concluded)**BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE FLOODPLAIN:**

These benefits take many forms:

Natural flood and erosion control: Provides natural flood and erosion control by flood storage and conveyance, and reducing flood velocity.

Water quality: Improves water quality by filtering nutrients and impurities from runoff.

Ground water recharge: Recharges the ground water while simultaneously reducing the frequency and duration of surface flow.

Biological resources; Supports high rate of plant growth, provides breeding and feeding grounds and enhances water fowl habitat.

Societal resources: Provides open space, aesthetic pleasures for the community and opportunities for scientific and environmental research studies.

NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) REQUIREMENTS:

The City of Atlantis must follow the Federal government's requirements in our NPDES permit. It is everyone's responsibility to protect our water resources. Please do not directly discharge any used water into our watercourses. Simple examples are washing vehicles in close proximity of a storm drain and storing chemicals outdoors. The law prohibits dumping toxic waste, including pesticides, into the ground or groundwater. TOXIC or hazardous wastes include such things as oil and antifreeze. If you see anyone disposing of anything into any component of the drainage system, please report it immediately to the Atlantis Police Department at 561-965-1700.

Outdoor use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers must be applied sparingly to avoid contamination of our surface waters. Please follow directions and do not overspray pesticides or herbicides. Also please do not apply amounts in excess of the recommended amounts for fertilizers. Organic or slow release fertilizers are preferred as these are less likely to be washed off into the storm drain system. Also please apply only to the targeted areas and remove excess from any paved surfaces. South Florida is a sub-tropical rainfall region, so please consider reducing applications in the wet season and/or apply early in the morning to avoid our typical afternoon thunderstorm pattern in the wet season (June through October).

WATER QUALITY REPORT:

The following information was omitted from the recently published Consumer Confidence Report.

Microbiological Data: Total coliform, not detected, likely source of contamination—naturally present in the environment. Fecal coliform, not detected - likely source of contamination human and animal fecal waste.

Visit our website atlantisfl.gov to view the entire report.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

If you know your neighbors are on vacation and newspapers are piling up in their driveway, please pick them up and put them at the front door. That way, it will be less obvious that homeowners are away. And if you suspect that they are in fact not away from home, please alert the police department to investigate whether they're OK.

Please be courteous to your neighbors and pick up after your pets. We have had several complaints that this is not being done and it is not considerate.

Send us those photos and stories!

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration is only 8 months away! As we begin to put together a "Memory Book" and DVD, please start looking for photos that will help tell the history of Atlantis, and write down some of your favorite memories. If you grew up here, what do you remember best? If someone asks you why you live here, what do you tell them? What's changed the most? Let us hear from you. You can bring your stories and photos (please put your name, address and phone number on the back of the photos) or e-mail them to Atlantis50th@atlantisfl.gov.

Thanks for the memories!

WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Residents in Atlantis may irrigate two days a week:

For residents with an **odd** numbered address (ending in 1,3,5,7,9) lawn watering is permitted on **Wednesday and Saturday** from 12am to 10am **or** from 4pm –11:59pm. No watering 10am-4pm.

For residents with **even** numbered address (ending in 0,2,4,6,8) lawn watering is permitted on **Thursday and Sunday** from 12am to 10am **or** from 4pm –11:59pm. No watering 10am-4pm.

For more information call 800-662-8876 or visit www.sfwmd.gov/conserve

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Tony & Penny Atkiss, 445 Glenbrook Drive

Charlette Morgan, 169 Palm Circle

Brian & Nancy Fisher, 317 Villa Drive South

Jean Marie Sentell, 128 Palm Circle

Frederick Hansen, 365 Colony Key Circle

Daniel Wolgin, 431 Pine Tree Court



Summer Fun at Atlantis Country Club

Movie Nights!

June 6

5:30 PM Looney Tunes/
6:15 PM The Sand

July 11

5:30 PM Best Pals Mickey &
Minnie/6:15 PM E.T

August 8

5:30 PM Snoopy, Come Home/
6:15 PM The Goonies

*No Charge

***Special Movie night
Menu Available**

Family Fun Days!

June 21

Fantastic Golf

July 19

Spectacular Sports Day

August 16

Wacky Water Day

September 20

Game Day

The Fun Begins at 4PM!

\$12. Adults/ \$8. Children under 12

Tuesday's Are Family Night! Kids Eat FREE!

(12 and under)

For More information call
561-965-7700 ext. 14

Happy Hour!

**Tuesday - Sunday
4-7 PM**

***Bar specials, \$1 off
Domestic and Import Beers,
House Wine
And Well Drinks!
(Bar Only!)**

Save the Date



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Mom, Dad, Grandpa, Grandma, big kids, little kids, tall kids, short kids, everybody get together..... It's time to celebrate!

Atlantis is turning "50" in 2009, and the planning committee has started working on "The Golden Anniversary Parade," which will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009. We'll have marching bands, floats, decorated golf carts, vintage cars and fire trucks. After the parade, we'll move on to a fabulous picnic, with games, entertainment and pony rides for the kids. And we'll end our special day with a beautiful fireworks display. Every resident is invited!

We want your stories and photos! We're planning to put together a "Memory Book" and DVD about our City, and we need your help for this project. Please go through your photo albums and memories, so our residents can tell our story in their own words. Some thought starters: When did you move to Atlantis? Have you always lived in the same house, or did you move around town? If you grew up here, what do you remember best? If your children grew up here but moved away, they might have some memories to share. Send us some "I remember when..." stories. Has more than one generation of your family lived here? What do your children think about living here—they may have stories, too! If you moved here recently, what drew you to Atlantis? What else happened 50 years ago? Were you born or married in 1959? When someone asks you why you live here, what do you tell them?

You can e-mail your photos and stories to Atlantis50th@atlantisfl.gov, or get them to City Hall, attention "50th Anniversary Committee." Please put your name, address and phone number on the back of the photos, and we'll make sure you get them back!

We invite you to participate in our celebration by planning to attend the festivities on April 4 (and maybe marching or riding in the parade!), submitting stories and photos, and if possible, sponsoring a "congratulatory" note in the commemorative booklet or making a donation to help finance our gala event. All contributions are tax deductible.

We are asking Atlantis-based businesses to be sponsors, too. Sponsorship opportunities—for both residents and businesses--include the following: floats, the marching band, food and beverages, tables and chairs, lighting, sound system, children's activities, the firework display, trolleys, memory book and DVD, T-shirts, license plates and commemorative lapel pins. We'll publish more specific information about the sponsorship program in future newsletters. We look forward to your support—thank you!

As residents, we thank the founding fathers for creating a little piece of heaven for all of us to live in. Many of us have watched our children grow up in Atlantis, and then stay here to raise their own children...what better accolade could a city have?

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